

RIDER DOWN REPORT

USN Rider fatalities for FY 20:..... 5

Total Navy Motorcycle mishaps reported in WESS for FY 20: 120

USMC Rider Fatalities for FY 20:..... 5

Total USMC Motorcycle mishaps reported in WESS for FY 20: 43

USN/USMC Fatalities this report: 0/0

Total Motorcycle mishaps this report: 21

This report is a monthly update of the motorcycle mishaps that have occurred throughout the US Navy and Marine Corps. Recommendation: MSRs use this information during motorcycle training and Mentorship programs and forward to other personnel who may have an interest (with the exception contained in the notice below).

Note: Commands have up to 30 days to submit a WESS mishap report. As a result, the total number of mishaps shown in this report may be less than the actual number of mishaps that have occurred.

The information contained in this report is based on preliminary information and is provided for hazard awareness and training purposes only. Official mishap data should be obtained from the Naval Safety Center.

The Naval Safety Center received the following reports for March 2020

March gave us a little something to celebrate; we had no Class A fatal motorcycle crashes this month. This decrease in crashes could be due to the current health issue combined with reduced traffic on the roadways and many individuals teleworking or being on a revised schedule, but overall it has made an impact.

The majority of crashes in March note that a rider unexpectedly encountered something, whether it be loose, gravel, ice, stopped vehicle, or any other numerous encounters as a rider you may experience every day.

Motorcyclists must be aware of all the hazards, risks, and remedies available to avoid being in a crash. Road hazards such as potholes, oil slicks, puddles, loose debris, ruts, uneven pavement, and railroad tracks all these can become a significant problem for the motorcyclist, but minor irritations for a car.

Let us make sure you are familiar with not only your daily commute or ride but also a planned long ride on a nice weekend. Keep alert to other driver's actions that may give you a warning of some road hazard. Know how to handle hazards you may encounter, and stay off the brakes when you do encounter them.

Michael Borkowski

Fatal Mishaps

None to report during the month of March – “BZ” Bravo-Zulu

Non-Fatal Mishaps:

28 Mar 2020/1300L- 21-year-old, E-4 Location: Orange Park, FL

Yr./Make/Model: 0000 Yamaha

PPE: Yes

License: Yes

Training: Level I (Feb 2019) / Level II (Jun 2019)

Remarks: Rider rear-ended a vehicle that stopped unexpectedly, and then rider was struck from behind. Rider was transported to Orange Park Medical and treated for elbow sprain and road rash.

28 Mar 2020/1400L - 28-year-old, E-6 Location: Malibu, CA
Yr./Make/Model: 2018 Yamaha Bolt Star (Sport)
PPE: Yes
License: Yes
Training: Level I (Mar 2020) / Level II (NR)

Remarks: Rider was WB on State Rt 23 and encountered debris in the roadway, rider attempted to avoid debris and struck the guardrail. Rider transported to Los Robles Medical Center and treated for abrasions and a fractured fibula.

26 Mar 2020/1800L - 22-year-old, E-4 Location: Norfolk, VA
Yr./Make/Model: NR
PPE: Yes
License: Yes
Training: Level I (May 2019) / Level II (NR)

Remarks: Rider lost control while exiting the driveway of own residence. Rider transported to Naval Hospital Portsmouth and treated for a fractured elbow and thumb.

24 Mar 2020/1400L - 22-year-old, E-4 Location: Twenty Nine Palms, CA
Yr./Make/Model: 2020 Scooter
PPE: Yes
License: Yes
Training: Level I (May 2019) / Level II (NR)

Remarks: Rider lost control on a dirt road behind the East Gym. Rider suffered tibia and fibula injuries to the right leg.

20 Mar 2020/0645L - 22-year-old, E-3 Location: San Diego, CA
Yr./Make/Model: 2007 Suzuki GSXR (Sport)
PPE: Yes
License: Yes
Training: Level I (Jan 2020) / Level II (NR)

Remarks: Rider lost control braking exiting NB I-5. Rider seen by medical for minor bruises.

20 Mar 2020/0930L - 23-year-old, E-3 Location: Camp Pendleton, CA
Yr./Make/Model: 2007 Honda Shadow (Non-Sport)
PPE: Yes
License: Yes
Training: Level I (Jan 2020) / Level II (NR)

Remarks: Rider was SB on Vandergrift Blvd when rider's back tire slipped out from motorcycle causing rider to drop the motorcycle. Rider transported to Naval Hospital Camp Pendleton for injuries to right foot.

20 Mar 2020/1100L - 29-year-old, E-6 Location: Carlsbad, CA
Yr./Make/Model: 2007 Harley Davidson Road King (Non-Sport)
PPE: Yes
License: Yes
Training: Level I (Oct 2019) / Level II (NR)

Remarks: Rider was riding with another motorcyclist NB on the I-5, and attempted to pass a vehicle on the right. The vehicle then attempted a lane change to the right also and abruptly stopped. The rider ran into the vehicle. Rider treated for heavy bruising over the entire body.

18 Mar 2020/0610L- 23-year-old, E-1 Location: Honolulu, HI
Yr./Make/Model: 2006 Suzuki SV650 (Sport)
PPE: Yes
License: Yes
Training: Level I (Feb 2020) / Level II (NR)

Remarks: Rider lost traction on a wet road and the motorcycle slipped out from under rider. Rider treated for shoulder bruises and contusions.

17 Mar 2020/0630L - 19-year-old, E-3 Location: Oak Harbor, WA
Yr./Make/Model: 0000 Kawasaki ZX6R (Sport)
PPE: Yes
License: Yes
Training: Level I (Feb 2020) / Level II (NR)

Remarks: Rider encountered a patch of ice while exiting a parking lot, and loss control of the motorcycle. Rider treated for minor sprain to arm.

15 Mar 2020/1400L - 24-year-old, E-5 Location: Virginia Beach, VA
Yr./Make/Model: 2009 Triumph Daytona (Sport)
PPE: Yes
License: Yes
Training: Level I (Dec 2017) / Level II (Jan 2018)

Remarks: Rider while executing a turn encountered debris in the roadway and loss control. No injuries reported.

15 Mar 2020/1500L - 27-year-old, E-5 Location: Cayey, Puerto Rico
Yr./Make/Model: 0000 Yamaha
PPE: Yes
License: Yes
Training: Level I (Feb 2018) / Level II (Mar 2018)

Remarks: Rider loss control of motorcycle while riding around a curve and encountering loose gravel. Rider laid the motorcycle down. Rider suffered a broken arm and wrist.

15 Mar 2020/1330L- 44-year-old, E-7 Location: St. Augustine, FL
Yr./Make/Model: 0000 Indian Chieftain (Non-Sport)
PPE: Yes
License: Yes
Training: Level I (NR) / Level II (Aug 2018)

Remarks: Rider was rear ended while stopped at a signal light. Rider treated at local hospital for injuries.

14 Mar 2020/0700L - 27-year-old, E-5 Location: Haleiwa, HI
Yr./Make/Model: 2019 Harley Davidson Softail (Non-Sport)
PPE: Yes
License: Yes
Training: Level I (Jul 2018) / Level II (Aug 2019)

Remarks: Rider distracted by a noise coming from motorcycle and looked down not realizing the road was narrowing. Rider swiped a guardrail and was transported to Pali Momi Medical for a broken leg.

12 Mar 2020/0815L - 26-year-old, E-4 Location: Lancaster, SC
Yr./Make/Model: 2017 Harley Street Glide (Non-Sport)
PPE: Yes
License: Yes
Training: Level I (NR) / Level II (Oct 2018)

Remarks: Rider ran into the rear of another vehicle as it was slowing to make a right turn. Rider treated at local hospital for bruises and contusions.

11 Mar 2020/1600L - 25-year-old, E-5 Location: Gulfport, MS
Yr./Make/Model: NR
PPE: Yes
License: Yes
Training: Level I (NR) / Level II (Sept 2017)

Remarks: Another vehicle pulled out into the path of the motorcycle rider and the rider struck that vehicle. No injuries reported.

11 Mar 2020/1600L - 18-year-old, E-3 Location: Norfolk, VA
Yr./Make/Model: 2004 Honda CBR (Sport)
PPE: Yes
License: Yes
Training: Level I (NR) / Level II (NR)

Remarks: Both the rider and another vehicle were EB on I-64, in the process of changing lanes when the rider's front tire was clipped by the other vehicle. Rider transported to Norfolk General Hospital for minor bumps and bruises.

11 Mar 2020/1645L - 32-year-old, E-5 Location: Norfolk, VA
Yr./Make/Model: NR
PPE: Yes
License: Yes
Training: Level I (NR) / Level II (Sept 2017)

Remarks: Rider was traveling EB on I-64 another vehicle pulled out into the path of the motorcycle rider and the rider struck that vehicle. No injuries reported.

09 Mar 2020/1825L - 22-year-old, E-5 Location: Chula Vista, CA
Yr./Make/Model: 0000 Honda CBR600 (Non-Sport)
PPE: Yes
License: Yes
Training: Level I (NR) / Level II (Oct 2019)

Remarks: Rider involved in a motorcycle crash, no further information.

08 Mar 2020/1430L - 23-year-old, E-3 Location: Carlsbad, CA
Yr./Make/Model: 2001 Suzuki Katana (Sport)
PPE: Yes
License: Yes
Training: Level I (Feb 2018) / Level II (Aug 2018)

Remarks: Rider ran into the rear of another vehicle that stopped in a turn. Rider treated at local hospital, for minor injuries, and released.

05 Mar 2020/0000L- 20-year-old, E-3 Location: Oahu, HI
Yr./Make/Model: NR
PPE: Yes
License: No
Training: Level I (Feb 2020) / Level II (NR)

Remarks: Rider involved in motorcycle crash. Rider treated at Tripler Medical for broken tibia and fibula.

02 Mar 2020/0930L - 24-year-old, O1 Location: Gulf Breeze, FL
Yr./Make/Model: 2014 Honda CBR500 (Sport)
PPE: Yes
License: Yes
Training: Level I (Jan 20) / Level II (NR)

Remarks: Rider was stopped in traffic and ran into by another vehicle. Rider was not injured.